



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: DNS 14-059: STRAY GULCH ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Description of Proposal:

In 2012, the Stray Gulch Road was abandoned on the Colockum Wildlife Area. Since that time there has been public interest to again provide vehicle access in this area.

This project will provide vehicle access to Stray Gulch but will not use the old road that was partially located in the riparian area of Tekison Creek. A newly constructed primitive road will be relocated in Stray Gulch Road but out of the riparian area. The new road was sited to avoid stream impacts and archaeological resources.

The road will be 1.2 miles long, 10-12 feet wide and use native material for surfacing (rock and dirt). The road will be outsloped for drainage and infiltration into vegetated areas. No material will be imported for this construction. Cuts and fills of native material will balance during construction. Cut slopes will be less than 5 feet high and fill slopes will be less than 3 feet high due to the flat nature of the topography where the road is located. Approximately 2500 yards of native material will be repositioned and graded over the 1.2 miles of construction. The new road surface will result in approximately 52,000 square feet of new road surface.

Proponent/Applicant: Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)
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Location of Proposal, including street, if any: WDFW Colockum Wildlife Area, Kittitas County, Washington: Township 20N, Range 22E, Sections 31 and 32.

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. The comment period will end at **5:00 pm on September 4, 2014.**

Method of Comment:

The following procedures shall govern the method to comment on agency SEPA proposals. Comments received through these procedures are part of the official SEPA record for this proposal.

You can submit your comments any one of the following ways:

- Email to SEPAdesk2@dfw.wa.gov
- Online at the WDFW SEPA website comment link at: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>
- Fax to (360) 902-2946;
- Mail to the address below.

Responsible Official: Lisa Wood

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/licensing/sepa/>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Lisa Wood at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2260.

DATE OF ISSUE: August 20, 2014

SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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